Turbo Generating Equipments

2263. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a loan agreement between Government of India and OECF for financing 6 Nos. of 200 MG reversible units in the River Bed Power House (RBPH) of Sardar Sarovar Project for 2.85 billion Japanese Yen was signed way back in November, 1985;

(b) whether contract was awarded to M/s Sumitomo Corporation and amount of 2.85 billion Yen from OECF was utilised for payment for model test;

(c) whether Government of India had requested the OECF to sign further loan agreement for the amount of 17.2 billion Yen for procurement of turbo generating equipment, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this project has been delayed, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to resolve the stalemate in order to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The unilateral decision of Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OFCF), Japan to suspend the release of further instalment of loan after disbursement of first slice of Yen 2.85 billion in 1986 due to certain environmental considerations created an impasse in this regard.

(e) To sort out the deadlock several meetings were held at various levels both in the State and in this Ministry with all concerned. On 13th November, 1996 a meeting of the Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA) was held. Accordingly negotiating team has already been set up by this Ministry to hold talks with M/s Sumitomo Corporation, Japan, the suppliers of the TG Set for the river bed power house of Sardar Sarovar Project.

[Translation]

Conference of Dentists

2264. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a conference of Dentists was held in Chandigarh last year in which it was said by experts that none of the tooth-pastes being used in India has the quality to protect gums and there is no difference between paste and water;

(b) whether the Government have looked into it or will get this investigated; and

(c) if so, appropriate action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per a news paper report, a Conference of Dental Experts was held in Punjab in which reference was made to leading advertisements and exaggerated claims of different brands of tooth-paste.

(b) and (c) Government have initiated steps to advise all the State Licencing Authorities in the States/UTs to ensure that the companies manufacturing tooth-pastes do not carry on their labels any midleading and exaggarated claims concering effectiveness of their products, especially if they do not contain any germicidal agents, or if the products are not taking care of deficiency of flouride or strengthening of gums.

Appropriate action is required to be taken by the State Licencing (Enforcing) Authorities in the States/UTs against the defaulters for not complying with the specified standards of advertisement/claim and further to scientifically test the claims of various brands of tooth-pastes to know the genuineness of the manufacturers' advertisement claims.

[English]

Cauvery Tangle

2265. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cauvery basin States have agreed to share the information data of their respective State to various facts of the Cauvery water dispute;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to scrap the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is atteched.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Statement

On 28.1.97 during the hearing of the Tribunal a common suggestion was given on behalf of the Party States as well as Union Territory of Pondicherry that opportunities should be provided to different States including the Union Territory of Pondicherry to exchange data/information and the inspection of Project sites, basin areas (including trans-basin areas) by the Advocates, Engineers and other Officials of one State in so far the project area and the basin areas of other